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Applicant : McGill et al.
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For : METHODS AND APPARATUS
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed May 20, 2003, Applicant hereby elects the species identified by the Examiner as being directed to a balloon embodiment (e.g., Fig. 24). Applicant submits that each of Claims 1-24 are readable on a balloon embodiment. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner that only Claims 1-6, 17 and 20-23 are generic, as there are other generic claims pending in the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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